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PRESS RELEASE

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Nature of Event: Annual Seat Belt Checkpoint A Success
Location of Event: Loomis

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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff Department's annual seat belt checkpoint has been deemed a success for continuing to educate drivers about the importance of wearing safety restraints.

Each year, the department takes part in ***Operation ABC Mobilization***, a nationwide, weeklong effort by law agencies to intensify enforcement of seat belt and child passenger safety.

On Tuesday, November 26, on Taylor Road in Loomis, sheriff employees stopped 1,278 vehicles over a two-hour period. Fourteen drivers were issued citations for failure to wear their seat belts. Ten young people were educated regarding the proper use of restraints and one man was cited for having an open beer in his car.

Placer County has participated in ***Operation ABC Mobilization*** for the past 4 years. During the 2001 checkpoint, more than 20 people were cited for safety restraint violations within 2 ½ hours.